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Dear Prospective Candidate:

Congratulations on considering applying to one of the United States Service Academies. As you may be aware, the Academy application and selection process is lengthy and rigorous, but it can also be rewarding to those who strive to excel and are ultimately offered admission. An Academy education comes with sacrifice, but with this sacrifice comes a great sense of accomplishment.

In order to receive an offer of appointment to a Service Academy, an applicant must obtain a Congressional nomination or a nomination from an alternate official source. There are several nomination sources available and applicants are encouraged to apply to all of them. Other official sources include U.S. Senators Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand and Vice President Joe Biden. Each nomination source typically maintains its own application process, therefore you should contact each office directly.

My United States Service Academy Committee will review all completed nomination applications that are submitted to my office by the deadline of November 13, 2009. Following review, the committee will interview each applicant and nominate ten highly qualified candidates for each vacancy. There are vacancies available for the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. After a candidate is nominated, the respective Academy will select one candidate from the list of ten for appointment to the class entering in July 2010. It should be noted that there are ten vacancies available for the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a nomination application, list of requirements for the nomination application and information sheet that lists additional appointment sources. Please feel free to contact Beth Gabellini in my Hauppauge District Office at (631) 951-2210 for additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Israel".

STEVE ISRAEL
Member of Congress

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FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN STEVE ISRAEL (NY-02)

Information for Candidates Applying for a Nomination to a United States Service Academy

REQUIREMENTS

- 1) You must be a permanent resident of the Second Congressional District.
- 2) You must be at least 17 years old, but have not passed your 22nd birthday by July 1st, of the year of your entry.
- 2) Complete and return the "Service Academy Nomination Application" and include a 2" x 2" (passport size) photograph.
- 3) Three letters of recommendation. Letters can be from: an Academic Teacher, a Coach, Employer, Guidance Counselor, Scout Leader, or an Acquaintance (someone that knows you but is not a member of your family).
- 4) Submit an official copy of your high school transcript. This should include your grade point average and class rank (if applicable).
- 5) Submit an official copy of your SAT or ACT scores. In order for us to receive your scores by the deadline, SAT and ACT tests must be taken by November 1, 2009. Our SAT code is: 2208 AND the ACT code is: 7545
- 6) Submit an extracurricular resume. This document will highlight activities you have participated in such as: athletics, extra-curricular activities, leadership roles, awards and honors, community involvement and work experience.
- 7) Write an essay. In your own words, explain why you want to attend a United States Service Academy. Your essay should be one-page typed, Times New Roman font style, **12-point font size, one-inch margins, double spaced. Evaluations will be based on both writing skill and content of essay.**

**CANDIDATES MUST RETURN THE COMPLETED APPLICATION AND MATERIAL TO
MY DISTRICT OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 13, 2009.**

Send all nomination materials to:

CONGRESSMAN STEVE ISRAEL
ACADEMY COORDINATOR
150 Motor Parkway Suite 108
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Please contact Academy Coordinator, Beth Gabellini, with any questions at (631) 951-2210



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PROCEDURES

Finalists are selected on the basis of scholastic record, class rank, College Board scores (SAT or ACT), extracurricular activities, recommendations, essays and interviews only. Any other information is unnecessary. Please keep within these limitations to assist in the processing of paper work. Applicants will be contacted during the fall of 2009 regarding interviews with Congressman Israel's United States Service Academy Committee.

SUGGESTIONS

- 1) Contact the academy of your choice to request a catalogue and to establish a Pre-Candidate Questionnaire File.
- 2) Contact your guidance counselor for information regarding the ROTC program.
- 3) Be prepared for the physical requirements of Academy life. Refer to the respective Academy's website for specific physical requirements.
- 4) Consider applying for/attending Academy sponsored summer programs as well as local sponsored summer programs such as the American Legion's Boys' State or Girls' State. These programs can help give a glimpse into what life at an Academy might be like.
- 5) Visit the Academy you're interested in. A tour of the Academy grounds can tell you so much more than a website or a brochure. Consider going to an Academy sponsored sporting event such as:

Coast Guard-Merchant Marine football game in Kings Point on September 12th, 2009
Air Force-Navy football game in Annapolis on October 3rd, 2009
Army-Air Force football game in Colorado Springs on November 7th, 2009.
Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia on December 12th, 2009,

- 6) If you decide to withdraw your application or receive a nomination from another source, please notify my office.



FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN STEVE ISRAEL (NY-02)

U.S. MILITARY SERVICE ACADEMY CONGRESSIONAL NOMINATION INFORMATION SHEET

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet the following requirements as of July 1 of the year of admission to the academy:

- 1) Between 17 and 22 years of age
- 2) Possess U.S. citizenship
- 3) Unmarried, not pregnant, and with no legal obligation to support children or other dependants
- 4) Reside in the 2nd Congressional District of New York

SELECTION CRITERIA

Nominations from Congressman Steve Israel are based on a “whole person” evaluation. Applicants are considered for nomination at three levels.

- 1) Academics. Each individual’s grade point average, SAT/ACT scores, class ranking and willingness to embrace academic challenges will be considered.
- 2) Leadership experience and potential command ability. This will be based on the resume of activities submitted in the application packet and would include involvement in sports, school, civic and personal/social activities.
- 3) Motivation and desire of the applicants to attend a service academy. This will be based on both the essay submitted and the interview before the Service Academy Committee.

What's Inside:

Eligibility Requirements
Selection Criteria
Important Dates
Application Materials
Contact Information
Nomination Application

APPLICATIONS TO THE ACADEMIES

Applications **MUST** also be made to the Director of Admissions of the Academy or Academies of your choice, in addition to the nomination application to Congressman Israel.

MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

For the Merchant Marine Academy, a Member of Congress may nominate as with the other academies. However, it should be noted that for this Academy, there are 10 vacancies for which Congressman Israel may nominate.

COAST GUARD ACADEMY

A Congressional nomination is not required for the Coast Guard Academy, as they manage their own selection process. Any individual interested in applying must contact USCGA directly. Refer to <http://www.cga.edu> for additional details.



FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN STEVE ISRAEL (NY-02)

FINAL ADMISSION TO ACADEMIES

Selected nominees will be announced in the January prior to admission. The slate of ten nominees chosen by Congressman Steve Israel will then be forwarded to the respective Service Academies. **The selection of the appointee to each Service Academy is ultimately decided by the Academy to which you have applied.**

IMPORTANT DATES

For Class of 2014, entering in July 2010:

Request Nomination Application
Begins February 2009
Nomination Application Deadline
November 13, 2009
Service Academy Interviews
November-December 2009
Nominations Announced
December 2009
Offers of Appointment from Academies
Beginning February 2010
Class of 2014 Enters Academies
July 2010

APPLICATION MATERIALS

- Congressional Academy Nomination Application, including a recent photograph (2"x2"/official passport size)
- Three Letters of Recommendation
- Sealed Copy of H.S. Transcript
- Copy of most recent SAT/ACT scores
- Extracurricular resume, including athletics, activities, work experience and community involvement.
- 500 word essay (described in application)

The completed application packet **MUST** arrive at Congressman Israel's office **no later than Friday, November 13th, 2009.** Please mail or deliver to:

Congressman Steve Israel (NY-02)
Attn: Academy Coordinator
150 Motor Pkwy Ste 108
Hauppauge, NY 11788

SERVICE ACADEMY COMMITTEE

Upon receiving the properly completed packet, potential nominees will be evaluated by Congressman Israel's Service Academy Committee. This board is comprised of Academy graduates, Military Veterans and leaders of the community with specialized knowledge of the requirements of the Academies. They will look closely at all aspects of those individuals who apply. Those who qualify for nomination will be ranked in order of merit, with the most highly qualified receiving nominations as availability at each Academy allows. This slate of nominees will number ten individuals per opening available. There may be more qualified applicants than available openings, and in such case the first ten will be submitted, with the other qualified applicants being placed on a stand-by list.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOMINEES

The announcement of nominees will occur in December. Applicants who receive a nomination will be notified via mail. The nominations will then be forwarded to the appropriate academies where another evaluation will be performed.

Please contact Academy Coordinator, Beth Gabellini, with any questions at (631) 951-2210



FROM THE OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN STEVE ISRAEL (NY-02)

**ADMISSION TO ACADEMIES
SERVICE ACADEMY WEBSITE INFORMATION**

**ADMISSION TO
ACADEMIES**

SELECTION OF THE APPOINTEE TO EACH ACADEMY IS ULTIMATELY DECIDED UPON BY THE ACADEMY TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED. Nomination by Congressman Israel does not automatically result in the selection by the Service Academies.

All applicants must directly contact the Academies they are interested in attending to open an admissions file. If you do not apply to directly to the Service Academy, you cannot be granted admission. Academies will begin to notify applicants of their admissions status in February, and all offers of appointment are generally sent out by May.

**U.S. AIR FORCE
ACADEMY**



www.usafa.af.mil/

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY



<http://www.usma.edu/>

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY



www.usna.edu/

**U.S. MERCHANT MARINE
ACADEMY**



<http://www.usmma.edu/>

**U.S. COAST GUARD
ACADEMY**



<http://www.cga.edu/>

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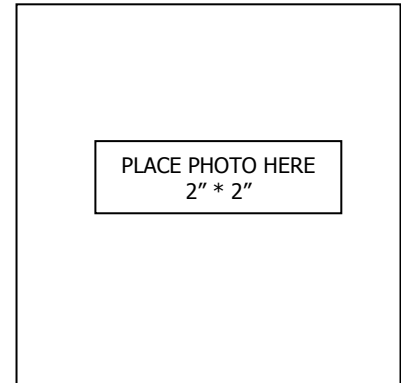


CONGRESSMAN STEVE ISRAEL (NY-02)

SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name
Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Height	Weight
UNCORRECTED VISUAL ACUITY LEFT: RIGHT:	Sex
CORRECTED VISUAL ACUITY LEFT: RIGHT:	
Permanent Street Address	
City, State	ZIP
Home Phone	Cell Phone
Email	Social Security No.



Parent/Guardian(s):

Academy you would like a nomination to:	<input type="checkbox"/> US AIR FORCE ACADEMY	<input type="checkbox"/> US NAVAL ACADEMY
(if you are applying to more than one, rank in order of preference instead of checking box)	<input type="checkbox"/> US MILITARY ACADEMY	<input type="checkbox"/> US MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

EDUCATION

High School	Address
GPA	Date of Graduation
Class Rank	Class Size
Name of College (if applicable)	College Credits Completed, G.P.A.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

SAT : VERBAL: MATH: WRITING:	DATE TAKEN:
ACT: ENG: MATH: READING: SCIENCE:	DATE TAKEN:

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch	From	To
Last Rank Attained		

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to an offer of appointment, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in cancellation of appointment.

Signature	Date
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